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Subject  
WERC's comments on review process

Dear Jim-

To facilitate the distribution and understanding of major milestones, our group would like to propose a couple of ideas we'd like to see implemented and applied with upcoming/future data-drops. If you have suggestions based on your experience with other TAG groups, we'd appreciate discussing them with you. Thanks.

Martha Stevenson, President  
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1. Olin/EPA needs to do a better job on distributing documents.

This might best be accomplished via FTP or similar web-based site so members/the public can access the documents directly for download or perusal. Documents should be available within a day or two of the published date. [WERC would like to continue to receive one copy of docs on cd or dvd for its records, but we're finding it cumbersome to be copying and distributing copies already, and we're not into the big reports yet (likely to become expensive, too).]

2. Olin should provide a presentation to WERC on the submitted document within two weeks of the published date. These documents are very technical and Olin has the burden to explain the information to the group. Our group is quite diverse and capable of grasping many of the salient points quickly, and we understand that our consultant will be expected to help explain the more technical aspects, but it would be most helpful for Olin to meet with us early in each review period. To its credit, Olin through the PIP process under MADEP, was available periodically to meet with the public and officials to present key milestones. Perhaps this can be achieved in conjunction with Sarah White's Public Involvement Program?

3. All comments we submit to EPA should have responses. We understand that typically EPA will submit the official comment letter to Olin and attach our and other's comments. For closure, however, if EPA does not incorporate all or some of our comments does Olin have an opportunity and/or obligation to respond to them? WERC would like to make sure that Olin responds to all comments.